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U.S. Embassy Welcomes First U.S. Military Student in Brunei Darussalam

U.S. Embassy Bandar Seri Begawan proudly welcomed the selection of Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Shannon McMillan from the United States Navy as the first U.S. military student in the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) Defense Academy in Sungai Akar.

LCDR McMillan is currently in Brunei Darussalam enrolled in the Command and Staff Course at the RBAF Defense Academy, which will run from January until October 2014.

On February 6, LCDR McMillan visited the U.S. Embassy in Bandar Seri Begawan. He stated, "I am proud to be chosen as the first U.S. citizen to attend the Royal Brunei Defense Academy Command and Staff College. I look forward to fostering international relationships that I am confident will be long lasting, and I am excited to learn how other national military services operate while I explore differences and similarities in Brunei."

"Since my arrival on January 6 I have been welcomed with the warmest of hospitality. Everyone has been great and the food here is awesome," LCDR McMillan continued.

U.S. Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, Daniel Shields stated, "We are glad to welcome Lieutenant Commander Shannon McMillan to Brunei Darussalam and to see him build close ties with the military students from Brunei and the other nations represented at the RBAF Defense Academy. We expect that this exchange opportunity will result in an increase in knowledge and mutual understanding for all parties involved."

Ambassador Shields continued, "We hope to continue to strengthen military relations between the United States and Brunei Darussalam with further training opportunities and sharing of military practices."

Lieutenant Commander Shannon McMillan has served the United States Navy for three decades. He started as a sailor and was later promoted to officer status.

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